

January 23

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Iraq and North Korea.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with members of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council to discuss humanitarian issues in Afghanistan.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with White House speechwriters to discuss his January 28 State of the Union Address.

January 24

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with U.S. Conference of Mayors winter meeting participants.

In the afternoon, the President continued preparations for his January 28 State of the Union Address.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Leszek Miller of Poland to Washington, DC, on February 5 to discuss commercial and trade relations between Poland and the U.S.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 21

Jerry Stewart Byrd,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years (new position).

Sharon Falkenheimer,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services Univer-

sity of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2007, vice Lonnie R. Bristow, term expired.

Janet Hale,
of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security (new position).

Karen Johnson,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, vice Rebecca O. Campoverde.

Judith Nan Macaluso,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years (new position).

Lawrence Mohr, Jr.,
of South Carolina, to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2003, vice John E. Connolly, term expired.

Lawrence Mohr, Jr.,
of South Carolina, to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2009 (reappointment).

Joseph Michael Francis Ryan III,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years (new position).

Michael Schwartz,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2007, vice Cherryl T. Thomas, term expired.

Submitted January 22

Mark W. Everson,
of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for a term of 5 years, vice Charles Rossotti, term expired.

John Paul Woodley, Jr.,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Michael Parker.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released January 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: New White House Office Coordinates Global Communications

Announcement of nominations (3) for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Released January 22

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: Taking Action To Strengthen Small Businesses

Released January 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released January 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Polish Prime Minister Leszek Miller To Visit Washington

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.